

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2009 AT 6.30 PM**

**C001/09 Present:** Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Clamp, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell, Cllr C Whittall.

In attendance: PC Doug Eyre, PC Jamie Millard, 2 members of the public, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

**C002/09 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel.

**C003/09 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:**

None declared.

**C004/09 Retiring Chairman's comments:**

Cllr Bark thanked all Cllrs for their support and assistance during his term of office, and particularly over the latter months.

**C005/09 Appointment of Town Mayor & Declaration of Acceptance of Office:**

Cllr Bark proposed that Cllr M Ratcliffe be appointed Mayor for the year 2009-10. This was seconded by Cllr Brown and on being put to the vote, the decision was unanimous. Cllr Ratcliffe duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and thanked the Council for granting him the honour of the post of Mayor. He offered the Council's sincere thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Cllr Bark, and referred to Cllr Bark's length of service on the Council, and the way he had served the community. He assured Cllr Bark that the Council would continue to offer him their support for the future.

**RESOLVED** That Cllr M Ratcliffe be appointed Town Mayor.

**C006/09 Appointment of Deputy Mayor:**

Cllr M Ratcliffe nominated Cllr Pollock as Deputy Mayor for the year 2009-10. This was seconded by Cllr Maskrey, and nomination received unanimous support and it was

**RESOLVED** That Cllr Pollock be appointed Deputy Mayor.

**C007/09 Open Forum:**

a) Public Forum:

- *Dave Smith* – Mr Smith gave details of the Festival's proposals for music to be played in the Memorial Gardens, and gave details of outdoor entertainment plans.

- *Steve Jenner* – Mr Jenner, of Ashbourne Radio, gave details of the Ashbourne Radio programme, and wondered if Wirksworth might wish to be associated with the provision. The Mayor suggested that Mr Jenner attends a meeting of the appropriate committee of the Council, to give a more detailed presentation.
- b) Police Matters: The Police representatives gave details of various matters currently being dealt with, and answered a query with regard to St Mary's Church. It was confirmed that arrangements were in hand for policing the Bank Holiday celebrations.
- c) District Councillor Reports: Cllr P Slack had circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Cllr I Ratcliffe gave details of DDDC's proposals to upgrade toilets.
- d) County Councillor Report: Cllr I Ratcliffe gave details of a potential problem with a local footpath, and it was agreed that this matter would be placed on an agenda of the Environment & Planning Committee.

**C008/09 Review of Register of Financial and Other Interests:**

Councillors were reminded that they needed to update their Register of Financial and Other Interests periodically.

**C009/09 Minutes of the Meeting of the Wirksworth Town Council dated 20 April 2009:**

The minutes of the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council dated 20 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

**C010/09 Minutes and Recommendations of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 5 May 2009:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Environment & Planning Committee dated 5 May 2009 be approved.

**C011/09 Minutes and Recommendations of the meeting of the Town & Finance Committee dated 11 May 2009:**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes and recommendations of the Town & Finance Committee dated 11 May 2009 be approved.

**C012/09 Membership & Chairs of Committees:**

Cllrs were reminded of the current membership of the Council's Committees - Planning and Environmental Affairs, and Town and Finance.

**RESOLVED**

- a) That membership of the Committees is as follows:

- Environment & Committee: Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr S Maskrey, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor)
- Town & Finance – Cllr Clamp, Cllr K Frith, Cllr D Haspel, Cllr I Ratcliffe, Cllr C Whittall (plus Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

b) That the Chairs of the Committee be as follows:

- Environment & Planning: Cllr S Maskrey
- Town & Finance: Cllr A Clamp

**C013/09 Representation, status and interest on non-council bodies:**

A list of current representatives on non-council bodies had been circulated. After discussion, a few amendments were made to the list.

**RESOLVED** That the revised list of representatives on non-council bodies be approved.

**C014/09 Accounts Paid April 2009:**

**RESOLVED** That payment of the attached accounts in the sum of £16860.93 be formally approved.

**C015/09 Town Council Representative Reports:**

Care Centre: Cllr I Ratcliffe reported that the well was to be dressed for the Bank Holiday.

Festival: Cllr Brown reported that two grants had been received.

Bolehill Parking: Cllr Brown reported that the grant application was almost ready for submission.

Farmers' Market: Cllr Clamp reported that a grant application was being prepared.

NOW: Cllr Clamp reported that NOW were keen to work with the Town Council on joint ventures.

Gorsey Bank: Cllr Pollock reported on the forthcoming Gala Day.

Twining: Cllr M Ratcliffe reported on a recent successful visit from residents of Die, France, and gave details of a forthcoming reception for residents of Frankenau, Germany.

**C016/09 Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Joint Core Strategy – Issues and Options Consultation:**

Cllr Brown had attended a consultation meeting in this connection, and had prepared a draft submission. Cllr M Ratcliffe had also prepared a short report containing items for inclusion in the submission. A discussion took place on this matter, and it was agreed that the two documents should be combined to produce a consultation response from the Town Council.

**C017/09 Wirksworth Town Council Initiatives and Proposals for 2009-10:**

Cllr M Ratcliffe had circulated a document outlining initiatives and proposals for the year 2009-10. Cllrs were invited to comment on the contents, and further suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the document.

**RESOLVED** That the further suggestions be incorporated into the document (attached), and the Town Council uses it as a working document for the coming year.

*Cllr Whittall left the meeting at 8.05 pm*

**C018/09 Information:**

The following documents were tabled, for information:

a. DALC Circulars:

- 17/2009 : General Circular – Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Paris Councils’ Evening; Pay Claim 2009/10; Car Allowances 2009/10; Cremation & Burial Conference & Exhibition 2009; Ashbourne Town Council vacancy.
- 18/2009 : Action with Communities in Rural England.
- 19/2009 : Government Responds to Matthew Taylor’s Report on the Issues Facing Rural Communities.
- 20/2009 : Employment Act 2008
- 21/2009 : New Quarterly Service – Quick Employment Tips
- 22/2009 : General Circular – Free Training of S106 Agreement and the New Community Infrastructure Levy; Re-registration of common land under Schedule 2(4) of the Commons Act 2006; Unstone Parish Council Vacancy.

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The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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Chairman